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TAC Minutes, 05/11/2011

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 5/11/11, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, Jessica French, Andy Machado, Steve Kurland, Rich Turcotte. Corey Rateau

Visitors Present: William Hallahan, Marathon St.

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 4/13/11 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.

Town Day funding was approved, \$25.00 for booth fee.

- Town Issues and Activities. Wayne distributed a list of upcoming road projects. He reported that DPW has just funded Mott Street and Mary Street handicap ramps. Laura reported no progress on Symmes. Brighams will get their building permit soon.
- New Thompson. Scott, Jeff and Ed reviewed the current layout for transportation issues. Given the periodic complaints about cut-through traffic and speeding on North Union Street, it may be appropriate to consider traffic calming on North Union in conjunction with the rebuild. About 100 students will need to get to Hardy, and Safe Routes Group is strategizing about how to get them there without adding lots of cars to the already-congested streets near Hardy School.
- No. Union parking. Sidewalk and curb were rebuilt last year, taking away the shoulder parking. The street is 25' wide. Many cars park there during games, on both sides, leaving a single narrow lane. Agreed to post the appropriate, "No Parking Here to Corner" sign 20' from each side of Norcross Street. This will provide a passing space, and does not need a formal vote, since parking within 20' of a corner is already illegal (with or without a sign).
- "Bike Friendly Community". Arlington is seeking to be designated a Bike Friendly Community, which could help with attaining grants. Voted to support application. TAC may want to review.
- 2011 Thermoplastic List. Howard distributed last year's list. Wayne will check on status.
- Appleton/Mass. Ave. Laura reported that she will be setting up a meeting with MassDOT to observe intersection. Wayne will get info on signal timing. Working Group consists of Corey, Elisabeth, Wayne, Jeff, and Laura.
- Mill Street Parking. Cars parked in two parking spaces on the west side of the street often block the right

hand lane approaching the Mass Ave intersection reducing the storage of that lane and leading to increased queuing to the north. Auto Repair business should be contacted about need for parking in early morning. Proposed signage would read "No Parking 7:30 am to 8:30 am. One Hour Parking after 8:30 am." Defer vote until next meeting to get Corey's input.

- Schools.
 - Dallin. Safe Routes Coordinator is ready to implement flag program in September.
 - Ottoson. Safe Routes program has been harder to implement at the Middle School. There is less parent involvement.
 - Downing Square Design. Meeting tomorrow with BSC and neighbors. New curbing, landscaping are anticipated.
- Mass. Ave. Town and FST are working on streetscape plan (trees, planters, street furniture). Plan will go to Review committee when it is ready. Easements were approved by Town Meeting.
- Mass/Water. Traffic counters were put down by Corey to collect data. Publicity will begin with an Advocate article in May, and postings at the Library, Post Office, UU church, and the Town website in late June and early July. Also, temporary signs announcing change will be placed on the streets. Changes will take place on July 15. TAC will repeat measurements in 4 months.
- CVS post-operation evaluation. Ed observed traffic. Drop off area between bump outs and AHS is working well. Will repeat observation in the fall. Laura will send special permit to see what the language exactly says. In particular, it appears that roadside warning signs were not installed at the crosswalks /bumpouts.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Ed's meeting packet: Agenda, 5/11/11; Memo to Marie Krepelka from Corey Rateau Re. Stop Sign Request—Palmer Street and Philips Street, dated April 21, 2011; Email from Kristina Delaney to Ed Starr Re. Crosswalk sign on Summer St, dated April 23, 2011; Email from Philip Goff to Ed Starr et al Re. Bike Friendly Community designation, dated April 23, 2011; Letter to Jeffrey Mullan, Secretary, MassDOT from State Legislators Re. Green Line Extension, dated May 2, 2011; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 5/11/11; BoS/ARB Project Status, 5/11/11; TAC Six Month Timeline; Draft Actions from 4/13 TAC Meeting; Status of Outstanding Actions, 5/11/11; Top 5 Issues with Open Meeting Law, dated April 28, 2011; Bicycle Friendly Community Quick Scorecard; Parking on Mill Street in Front of Sports Store, including map and data.
- Minutes of 4/13/11;
- 2010 Thermoplastic Crosswalk List;
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard Re. Road Projects—2011, dated May 11, 2011;
- "Things will change on July 15th, 2011, Walking and Driving Safely to the Library", draft article for Arlington Advocate;